



MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | 4:30 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Scott D. Sandall, Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Ashlee Matthews
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Staff Present:

Jerry D. Howe, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Joseph T. Wade, Policy Analyst
Michael E. Curtis, Associate General Counsel
Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Naomi Garrow, Office Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Sandall called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

1 . Committee Business

The committee members introduced themselves to the public.

Chair Sandall introduced redistricting and made opening remarks.

2 . Introduction to Redistricting

[Redistricting and Reapportionment Overview](#)

Jerry Howe, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, provided an overview of redistricting and reapportionment, presented on the legislative redistricting process, and addressed questions from the committee and committee discussion followed.

3 . Legal Guidelines for Redistricting

[Redistricting and Reapportionment Overview](#)

Tom Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and Michael Curtis, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented on legal parameters of redistricting and responded to committee questions and committee discussion continued.

4 . Redistricting Principles

[Proposed Redistricting Principles](#)

Chair Sandall introduced and discussed the proposed redistricting principles.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adopt the six principles of redistricting as written and committee discussion to the motion followed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Nelson moved to adjust principle number 2 to allow an overall deviation of no more than +/-10% between the largest and smallest district and committee discussion continued. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 10 - 10 - 0.

Yeas- 10

Rep. C. Albrecht

Rep. J. Ferry

Sen. D. Ipson

Rep. B. Last

Rep. S. Lund

Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. P. Ray

Sen. S. Sandall

Rep. R. Spendlove

Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays- 10

Rep. J. Burton

Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. G. Davis

Sen. L. Fillmore

Rep. S. Hollins

Rep. A. Matthews

Sen. K. Mayne

Sen. M. McKell

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. C. Pierucci

Absent- 0

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to add a seventh principle to the proposed list regarding keeping communities of interest intact and committee discussion followed. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 1 - 19 - 0.

Yeas- 1

Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays- 19

Rep. C. Albrecht

Rep. J. Burton

Sen. K. Cullimore

Sen. G. Davis

Rep. J. Ferry

Sen. L. Fillmore

Rep. S. Hollins

Sen. D. Ipson

Rep. B. Last

Rep. S. Lund

Rep. A. Matthews

Sen. K. Mayne

Sen. M. McKell

Rep. M. Nelson

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. C. Pierucci

Rep. P. Ray

Sen. S. Sandall

Rep. R. Spendlove

Absent- 0

Sen. Davis' motion to adopt the six principles of redistricting as written passed unanimously. passed with a vote of 20 - 0 - 0.

Yeas- 20Nays- 0Absent- 0

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Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. A. Stoddard

5 . Redistricting Procedural Guidelines

[Proposed Redistricting Procedural Guidelines](#)

Chair Sandall introduced and discussed the procedural guidelines.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adopt the procedural guidelines as written and committee discussion continued. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 3.

Yeas- 17Nays- 0Absent- 3

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Sen. M. McKell

6 . Redistricting Software Update

Jerry Howe updated the committee on the status of the redistricting software tools.

7 . Future Meeting Schedule

[Adopted 2021 Redistricting Meeting Schedule](#)

Rep. Ray presented the future committee meeting schedule and answered committee questions and committee discussion followed.

8 . Other Items/Adjourn

Jerry Howe discussed closing items regarding the Independent Redistricting Committee and committee discussion continued.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 18 - 0 - 2.

Yeas- 18

Rep. C. Albrecht
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Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays- 0

Absent- 2

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell

Chair Sandall adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.